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3. **JP 61-134712** - A partial English language translation of this document is provided herewith.
4. **JP 32-1573** - A partial English language translation of this document is provided herewith.
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Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation ⁴
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